ELECTION TO THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE AND THE STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE.

PRESIDENT: Elections, to the Public Accounts Committee and the Standing Finance Committee, from the Assembly will take place on Wednesday, the 5th August 1936. They will be held as usual after the business of the House for the day is over and under the Chairmanship of the Deputy President or one of the Panel of Chairmen.

GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE BUDGET.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Sir, the Budget for the year 1112 is nothing short of a financial jugglery. By some sort of crooked device adopted in the matter of calculation of figures and classification of expenditure headings, the Financial Secretary has succeeded to place before the House a useless sugar-coated quinine pill in the shape of a surplus Budget to be swallowed by the responsible members of the House. Well, Sir, I particularly submit that the Budget is a useless sugar-coated quinine pill because not only we the representatives of the people but the poverty-stricken, the malaria-stricken and the elephantiasis-stricken people of the State would not in any way be benefited as a result of the swallowing of this useless pill.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): Is not quinine a remedy for malaria?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I submitted Sir, *usëless* quinine pill and hence it cannot be a remedy for any sort of malady.

PRESIDENT: We have already heard the word 'useless.' Yes, go on Mr. Nair; use your own language. (*Laughter.*)

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Sir, in order to substantiate my statement, I shall draw the attention of the members of this House to the figures of revenue and expenditure for the next year. Sir, the Budget estimate under Revenue for 1112 is Rs. 2,45,92,105. But this amount cannot be expected to the realised at all. It would be evident from a perusal of the estimated figures as well as the actuals for the years 1109, 1110 and 1111 that the estimated amounts were not at all realised at the end of those years.

The expenditure charged to revenue for the coming year is Rs. 2,42,38,413; capital expenditure not charged to revenue is Rs. 49,00,700; investments on reproductive works such as the Trivandrum and Quilon Electric Supply and Telephone and the Pallivasal Hydro Electric Scheme is Rs. 29,27,600. Thus the total estimated expenditure amounts to Rs. 3,20,66,713; whereas the total estimated revenue for 1112 is only Rs. 2,45,92,105. So, from these figures, it would be seen that there would be excess in expenditure to the extent of Rs. 74,74,608. Well, Sir, it is pointed out by the Financial Secretary that he has placed before us a "wonderful" surplus Budget. But presently I shall show to the entire satisfaction of the House that it is not a "surplus Budget," but it is an outright "deficit Budget." Sir, expenditure charged to revenue for 1112 is Rs. 2,42,38,413. In the

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